81. Needs of the Pattanapuram taluk.

MR. NARAYANA PILLAI PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Member, Pattanapuram taluk*) dealt with the following needs of the Pattanapuram taluk :—

The Punalur girls' school should be raised to the standard of a Middle School Formerly there was class V in the school, but it was subsequently abolished. With the abolition of the class, many girls who were reluctant to attend boys' schools had to stop their studies.

A separate Munsiff's court should be established at Punalur to serve the need of the people of Pattanapuram. At present Pattanapuram was included in the jurisdiction of the Kottarakara Munsiff's Court. But Kottarakrara was far away from Pattanapuram. The court at Kottarakara had also a heavy file, so that additional Munsiffs had to be appointed very often to clear arrears. It would relieve the pressure of work in the court and also meet the needs of the people of Pattanapuram, if a separate court was established at Punalur. If this was not possible, the Tahsildar, Kottarakara, might be divested of his magisterial powers and a Munsiff-Magistrate appointed at Punalur.

Swampy areas thrown open for cultivation out of reserve forests should be assigned to local people in small blocks. If they were auctioned in big blocks none but the very rich and affluent will be able to bid for them, with the result that land will accumulate in the hands of the rich.

The Puravomthur - Kamukumcheri road (starting from the 31st mile of the Kayancolam—Punalur road) should be extended from Kamukumcheri for a distance of about 3 miles and connected with the Avaneeswaram—Pattanapuram road; and a ferry should be established where the road crossed the Kallada river.

The Parakode-Avaneeswaram road running from Parakode to Pattazhi should be connected with the road from Pattazhi to the Avaneeswaram railway station and it should be taken over for departmental maintenance.

The Enadi-Pattazhi ryots' road running from Enattu on the M. C. road to Pattazhi should be taken over for departmental maintenance. the necessary culverts being constructed by Government.

The Avaneeswaram - Anchal road which had already been sanctioned should be opened at once.

A road should be opened *via* Pathayamcheri and connected with the above road and a bridge should be provided on the canal on the way.

The Erur-Meenkulam road partly opened by the people should be taken over by Government and completed soon.

The Punalur hospital should be made more useful to the people, by improving the accommodation, enhancing the supply of medicines and appointing a few nursing sisters to look after women patients.

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DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, you want the standard of the girls' school at Punalur to be raised to the middle school grade. It is not the policy of Government to open new departmental vernacular high schools and so an application from a private agency will be carefully considered. I do not know whether you made a formal application to the Director of Public Instruction. If you have not done so, I see no harm in your applying to him so that the question can be examined afresh, if necessary.

The question of a Munsiff—Magistrate's Court at Punalur must stand over till the redistribution of jurisdiction of courts is taken up and settled by the High Court.

In the matter of roads and culverts, these can come up before the Road Board which is going to be created shortly.

As regards your representations about the hospital at Punalore, I shall forward them to the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at 2 P. M. and reassembled at 3 P. M.

82. Needs of the Shencotta taluk.

MR. A. P. SUBRAMONYA AIYER (*Member, Shencotta taluk*) dealt with the following needs of the Shencotta taluk : —

Two bridges should be constructed, one at Ayikudi over the Hanumannadi and the other at Samburvadakarai over the Periyar. A bridge at Ayikudi was absolutely necessary in the interests of the villagers of Ayikudi and Klangad who had to cross and recross the Hanumannadi many times a day. Moreover, with the opening of the railway station Valliamapuram to which an approach road was recently sanctioned from Ayikudi, the need of a bridge across the river had become all the more pressing. Another bridge was similarly necessary at Samburvadakarai. There was now a causeway at this place which was in an entirely dilapidated condition.

The Palaruvi water-supply scheme which was investigated by the Public Works Department several years ago should be taken up and worked without delay. The scheme would ensure an adequate supply of water for irrigating the whole of the Shencotta taluk, and the area under cultivation in the taluk could thereby be considerably extended.

Nanjamel Punja remissions should be allowed in respect of the Kanni crops in the Ayikudi, Klangad and Samburvadakarai pakuthies. The Kanni crops on the wet lands in these pakuthies often suffered from insufficiency of water. Consequently only dry cultivation was raised in these lands for the Kanni crop. But by some mistake the lands were classified as double-crop wet lands at the Settlement and assessment was made at a high rate. The ryots of Ayikudi, Klangad and Samburvadakarai applied for some remission in respect of these lands in 1082 and 1083; but the remission was allowed only for the year 1082. It was at the same time ordered that such remissions

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